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Lungch'i Runway in Final Construction Stage

US interpretation of recent photography of Lungch'i airfield indicates that the construction on this field has accelerated. 1/ On 27 June, the characteristic checkerboard pattern, noted in the final stages of construction on other coastal strips, covered 90 percent of the runway. 2/ While this checkerboard surfacing has been considered to be a final surface capable of sustaining jet operations, it may be, as noted on the Lung T'ien airstrip, that an additional surface layer of a black material will be spread over the runway. It is believed that this black material is only a thin binder or waterproofing layer and that its application extends the period of construction by only a few days.

The stage of construction on the Lungch'i field, and the appearance of checkered pattern over 50 percent of the Ching Yang (Shat'i) field noted in 28 June photography (see Journal item of 1 July) indicates that by mid-July, or shortly thereafter, the Chinese Communists may have two serviceable airfields in the Quemoy area.

Sources: 1/GRS/D/GI

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